

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/010,391  
Inventor(s) : Nabil Enrique Salman, et al.  
Filed : December 7, 2001  
Art Unit : 3721  
Examiner : Thanh K. Truong  
Docket No. : 8384R  
Confirmation No. : 6122  
Customer No. : 27752  
Title : Portable Packaging Device and Method For Forming  
Individually Packaged Article

PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF OATH/DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In regard to the above-mentioned application, a Notice of Allowability was mailed by the USPTO on December 27, 2007. Payment of an Issue Fee under 35 U.S.C. § 151 was timely made on March 11, 2008. On April 23, 2008, a notice from the USPTO was sent to Applicants regarding the requirement to submit a substitute oath/declaration to correct deficiencies. The notice stated that the substitute oath/declaration must be filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. However, this notice was received after the statutory period had expired and after the issue fee had been timely paid within the three month period required by the statute. As such, Applicants respectfully petition the USPTO to accept the corrected declaration submitted herewith and to allow the case to pass to issue.

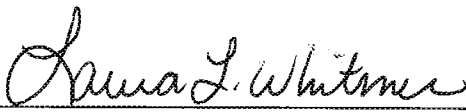
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Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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